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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Pursuant to the provisions of M.G.L. c.118G and in accordance with M.G.L. c. 30A, as amended, a public hearing will be held Thursday, January 29, 2009 at 10:00 AM at the Division of Health Care Finance and Policy ("Division"), 2 Boylston Street, 5th floor, Boston, MA relative to the adoption of regulation:

114.3 CMR 52.00: Rates of Payment for Certain Children's Behavioral Health Services

The proposed amendments, effective January 1, 2009, establish five new behavioral health services under regulation 114.3 CMR 52.00: In-Home Behavior Management and Monitoring, In-Home Therapy, Therapeutic Mentoring, Mobile Crisis Intervention, and Crisis Stabilization.

The rate for Crisis Stabilization is \$428.51 per diem. The amendments set rates for the four remaining services per 15 minutes intervals as follows: In-Home Behavior Management and Monitoring at \$20.37 Master level and \$10.65 Bachelor level, In-Home Therapy at \$15.49 Master level and \$10.55 Bachelor level, Therapeutic Mentoring at \$10.49, and Mobile Crisis Intervention at \$22.70 for Master level and \$15.67 Bachelor level.

Except for Crisis Stabilization, the rate methodology uses a model budget that accounts for program costs (direct and indirect) and maximum billable units specific for the provision of each service. The data sources for program costs include cost reports from providers of similar behavioral health services and budget data from other purchasers of similar services. Maximum billable units for each service were derived by assessing the time available for direct billable contacts by eligible direct care staff. Because Crisis Stabilization service is provided in residential facilities, the rate methodology for this service accounts for total program cost adjusted by patient days per year to derive a per diem rate.

It is estimated that aggregate annual expenditures in FY 10 MassHealth fee-for-service spending for these services will be approximately \$2,656,402: \$230,237 for In-Home Behavior Management and Monitoring; \$1,634,224 for In-Home Therapy; \$451,589 for Therapeutic Mentoring; \$218,556 for Mobile Crisis Intervention; and \$121,796 for Crisis Stabilization. These estimated costs do not include services purchased through MassHealth's managed care contracts. Purchase of these services is contingent upon Centers for Medicare and Medicaid approval of State Plan Amendments for these services.

Interested parties are encouraged to submit comments on these amendments. All persons desiring to be heard on this matter are hereby notified to appear at the designated time and place. Persons intending to speak will be afforded an early opportunity to testify if the Division receives notice by 3:00 pm on Wednesday, January 28, 2009. All others will be heard subsequently. Written comments may be sent to the Division at Two Boylston Street, 5th floor, Boston, MA 02116.